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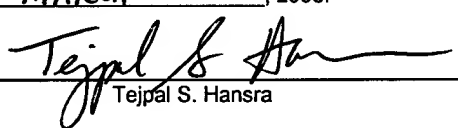
For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR IDENTIFYING DEFECTIVE
AREAS ON A DISK SURFACE OF
A DISK DRIVE BASED ON
DEFECT DENSITY" (as amended)

Group Art Unit: 2113

Examiner: Duncan, Marc M.

**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from December 7, 2004 to March 7, 2005.

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